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Sex offender sentenced to 12 years in ICE child pornography probe *Computer images included rape of young children*

SEATTLE – A registered sex offender from Seattle was sentenced in federal court today to more than 12 years in prison for possession of child pornography in connection with an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Seattle Police Department.

Brian Kevin Rubenaker, 46, who had previous convictions for child molestation and child rape, was ordered to serve 12 years and seven months in prison by U.S. District Judge James L. Robart. Rubenaker was also ordered to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

Rubenaker came to the attention of ICE and the Seattle Police Department (SPD) in December 2004, as a result an investigation into another child pornography suspect. A forensic examination of the defendant's computer in that case revealed images of child pornography and Internet chat logs containing communication with Rubenaker.

A search of Rubenaker's residence in April 2005 by ICE, the Seattle Police Department, and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force resulted in the seizure of computers containing more than 300 hardcore images of child pornography – many depicting the brutal rape of children under the age of five.

This case is part of Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 7,800 individuals nationwide, including more than 110 in the state of Washington.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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